

**EMT-1 REGULATORY TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES
November 6, 2002
EMS Authority
Sacramento, CA**

I. Introductions

Self-introductions were made. Sandy Margullis was introduced and welcomed as the new EMT-I Task Force representative for the State Fire Marshal's Office.

MEMBERS PRESENT	EMSA STAFF PRESENT	ALTERNATES PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	ALTERNATES ABSENT
Elaine Dethlefsen Pat Kramm Tom McGinnis Sandy Margullis Dan Paxton Luann Underwood Kevin White	Sean Trask	Bruce Kenagy Jean English	Nancy Casazza Ray Casillas Donna Ferracone Bruce Haynes Debbie Meier Debi Moffat Byron Parsons Marco Randazzo Bob Repar Susan Smith Todd Wilhoyte John Pritting Veronica Shepardson John Tysell	Patrick Brown David Nevins Debbie Notturmo Karen Petrilla

II. Minutes

Approve as written.

III. Agenda

Approved with the following change: Add the EMT-I Standardized Certifying Examination to the first item under Old Business.

IV. Old Business:

A. EMT-I Certification Examination:

The Task Force Members present reviewed the draft memorandum referring the EMT-I Task Force's findings pertaining to the remaining two testing organizations to Richard Watson for Mr. Watson's selection. The Task Force members finalized the memorandum, which Sean will deliver on the following day, November 7, 2002. The Task Force members also asked if Richard would notify the Task Force of his selection of the testing organization prior to making his announcement.

B. Continuing Education:

The Task Force members present reviewed a draft of the EMT-I continuing education (CE) regulations incorporating the recommendations made at the October Joint EMT-I and Paramedic Task Force meetings. The Task Force members present agreed to the requirement that at least 50 percent of CE is on topics contained in the National Standard Curriculum. The Task Force Members present also agreed that by using the phrase, "at least 50 percent," means that an individual could obtain all of their CE from topics contained in the National Standard Curriculum

(NSC), but no less than 50 percent from topics contained in the NSC. The Task Force members present agreed not to impose any additional limits on the number of CE hours in a particular delivery method such as field care audits, clinical experience, advanced topics, etc., because limits are already imposed by those delivery methods not exceeding 50 percent of the total CE hours. The Task Force members present then discussed whether or not to adjust the number of CE hours and are questioning how the number of CE hours for EMT-I was arrived at. The Task Force members did not reach a conclusion on how the number of CE hours was arrived at and agreed to continue discussing CE at the next Task Force Meeting.

C. EMT-I Scope of Practice:

The Task Force members present reviewed the draft scope of practice items. The Task Force will refer the scope of practice items in sub-section 100063 (b) to the Interfacility Task Force for their input.

EMT Task Force Member Bruce Haynes, MD representing EMDAC sent an e-mail that stated that EMDAC was in agreement with the moving the sub-section that states, "Assist patients with the administration of physician prescribe devices...; to the basic scope of practice. EMDAC does not agree that endotracheal intubation should continue as an optional skill. The Task Force Members present wish to leave endotracheal intubation in the EMT-I Optional Scope and leave the decision whether to implement an ETI program up to the local EMS agency's medical director.

The Task Force members present were advised that the administration of naloxone by means other than intravenously needs to be added to the optional scope of practice as a result of Senate Bill 1695. The training requirements will be taken from the Department of Transportation's EMT-Intermediate National Standard Curriculum and the optional skill accreditation from the local EMS agency will remain unchanged.

V. New Business

A. Review of Task Force Objectives

1. Objective #1 – Done
2. Objective #2 – The selection of the single EMT-I certification examination will be referred to Richard Watson on November 7, 2002.
3. Objective #3 – Done
4. Objective #4 – Done
5. Objective #5 – The Task Force continues to discuss continuing education for EMT-I's.
6. Objective #6 – Done
7. Objective #7 – Done
8. Objective #8 – The Task Force continues to discuss this topic.
9. Objective #9 – Deferred to the Education and Personnel Committee of the Vision Improvement Project.

V. Discussion:

1. Next meeting will be January 8, 2003 in Southern California location to be determined. The meeting will be from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Recorder: Sean Trask